

of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, and the single mission Air Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, as well as others.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Colonel Wendling who make the United States the greatest nation on the face of the earth. His commitment to serving our country and his community should serve as a shining example to the next generation.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the countless people his leadership has impacted, I wish Colonel Wendling all the best upon his retirement. His tireless service to our country will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 MEXICAN AMERICAN COUNCIL SCHOLARS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Mexican American Council (MAC), the Garza family, and the 2018 MAC Scholars.

On May 29th, the Mexican American Council celebrated the 34th Annual Farmworker Student Recognition Ceremony at the Homestead Miami Speedway.

In 1984, MAC's founder Cip Garza began this prestigious event to honor the academic achievements of Miami-Dade County's farmworker graduates.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Career Source South Florida, MAC awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships this year.

I wish to congratulate the following students on their phenomenal success and include the 2018 MAC Scholars in the RECORD:

Kassandra Castillo
Luis Diaz-Lopez
Jazmin S. Espinoza
Jenri Guerrero
Lissette Hernandez
Ugenie Jean
Kevyn Jimenez
Aleena Jones
Mari Marquez
Christella Nazaire
Blanca Rosas
Sinttia Rosas
Naila Sanchez
Manaika Saintyl
Giselle Trejo-Ramirez
Dulce Velasquez
Noelia Villa

Mr. Speaker, Cip and Maria Garza have done so much to benefit the lives of countless migrant families and Hispanic students in South Florida. I would like to thank them and everyone else at the Mexican American Council for all their tireless work. Once again, congratulations to all of the 2018 MAC Scholars, their enthusiasm, creativity, and entrepreneurship represent the best values of our diverse nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 295.

RECOGNIZING THE WINDSOR/STEWARTSON-STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg High School Softball Team. The WSS Hatchets are now the 2018 IHSA Class 1A State Champions.

The Hatchets won the state title game 8-5 to cap off a season with a record of 28 wins and four losses before facing the Goreville Blackcats in an exciting championship game. The Blackcats had a terrific performance, mounting a comeback after facing a six-run deficit to begin the game. However, due to their stellar pitching and timely hitting, the WSS Hatchets earned a hard-fought and well-deserved victory.

I would like to congratulate the entire WSS Softball Team on their victory: Megan Schlechte, Machenzi Tabbert, Ava Bennett, Hannah Hayes, Mackinzie Reynolds, Carson Cole, Sydney Taber, Katrina Davis, Mackenzie Brown, Theresa Davis, Anna Schlechte, Taylor Rentfro, Calla Roney, Madison Everett, Kassie Vonderheide, Makenna Taber, Paig Rentfro, Maggie Kelly and their coach Craig Moffett. Congratulations on a superb end to a great season.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg High School Softball Team in winning the 2018 IHSA Class 1A State Title. I wish the team and their coach all the best in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KARL WICKSTROM

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Florida Sportsman founder Karl Wickstrom, who passed away on June 26, 2018 in Stuart, Florida.

Throughout his life, he was a passionate and inspiring champion for Florida's waterways. For decades, he supported organizations like the Rivers Coalition in the fight for cleaner waters in our community. His strong legacy of environmental activism will live on in the important work that each of the organizations he supported continues to do.

In addition to his lasting legacy in the form of laws protecting Florida's environment, he is also responsible for inspiring an entirely new

generation of champions for clean water. Because of his journalism and activism, his ideas for environmental protection will continue to reverberate through our communities for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is incumbent upon all of us to take up this legacy, continue his fight, protect our estuaries and send the water south. While we continue to mourn the loss of this environmental visionary and pray for his family, let us also use this opportunity to fulfill his vision for a safer, healthier and stronger Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during this vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 287, and YEA on Roll Call No. 288.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, I missed Roll Call votes 289 and 290. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call 289 regarding the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018 and YES on Roll Call 290 related to H.R. 5783.

IN MEMORY OF WAYNE T. VENDETTO, SR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of one of Connecticut's most dedicated public servants, Mr. Wayne T. Vendetto, Sr. Mr. Vendetto passed away in February, and I would be remiss not to take a moment to reflect on his years of dedication to his hometown. He was a patriot, a first responder, a democrat, a family man, and above all, a community servant.

A native of New London, CT, Wayne graduated from New London High School in 1962. In addition to his career at Sears, Roebuck & Co., he was a Connecticut State Marshal for 40 years.

Wayne honorably defended his country in the Connecticut National Guard and as a reservist. He also protected his neighbors as a volunteer firefighter and foreman at the former F.L. Allen Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 for 10 years, and was president of the New London Firemen's Association. In this capacity Wayne became famous for hosting the association's convention and parades, considered to be the biggest and best in the state.

Wayne was also active in local politics. He served on the New London Board of Education for 10 years and eventually became a

city councilor, deputy mayor, and then mayor. All his life he remained active in the Democratic party and was respected by both republicans and democrats.

Unsurprisingly, Wayne was a family man, affectionately known by his relatives as "Poppy." He was a father to Dana and Wayne, grandfather to Alexandra, Cole, Wayne, Atilia, and Connor, and great-grandfather to Gianni. Being one of six children himself, he left this earth as the proud great uncle to 59 nieces and nephews. Coming from such a big family, it was only natural that Wayne treated all of New London as his extended family, which was made evident through his extensive community service. He volunteered at the New London Senior Center, Catholic Charities, the American Cancer Society, the Hospice Fundraising Board, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, just to name a few. Wayne was also a member of the New London Lodge of Elks and the New London Police Community Relations Committee.

Wayne Vendetto was a man who was constantly giving back. In this day and age, we'd be hard-pressed to find a public servant more involved or dedicated than him. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognition of this selfless servant. I know his loss will be felt deeply throughout the New London community for years to come.

HONORING MR. STEPHEN E. BOYD

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my former Chief of Staff Mr. Stephen E. Boyd, for his years of service to the State of Alabama and Alabama's Second District.

Stephen grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from the University of Alabama. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Stephen continued his education at the University of Alabama School of Law.

Prior to joining my staff in 2011, Stephen served for more than six years on the staff of former United States Senator Jeff Sessions as a senior advisor and Communications Director. Stephen also served as Communications Director for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. After leaving my office, Stephen served as the Chief of Staff of the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice.

Stephen is currently serves as the Assistant U.S. Attorney General for Legislative Affairs under Attorney General Jeff Sessions. There is no one better suited to serve our country in this key role than Stephen Boyd. I know that he will continue to have great success in this role as the head of the Department of Justice's Office of Legislative Affairs.

During his time on Team Roby, Stephen proved himself to be a gracious leader time and time again. He possesses a keen intellect, conducts himself with the utmost professionalism and decorum, and demonstrates remarkable work ethic. I am thankful for Stephen's time on my staff, and I am grateful to call him and his wife Brecke dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join Stephen's colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his successful career in Congress. I con-

gratulate Stephen, and wish him all the best as he continues to serve our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUE ANNE
GILROY ON THE OCCASION OF
HER RETIREMENT FROM ST.
VINCENT FOUNDATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, beloved and iconic member of the Hoosier community, Sue Anne Gilroy, on the occasion of her retirement from the St. Vincent Foundation. For the past twelve years Sue Anne served as Vice President and Executive Director, devoting a large portion of her life to facilitating and providing financial resources for sick patients unable to afford the care they desperately need. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Sue Anne's commitment to her community, passion for public service, and years of inspired leadership with the St. Vincent Foundation and beyond.

A lifelong Hoosier, Sue Anne was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She attended DePauw University where she graduated cum laude and earned a Bachelor's Degree in speech and secondary education. From an early age, Sue Anne displayed a strong interest in public service. During her senior year at DePauw University, she accepted an internship in the office of Crawfordsville Mayor Bill Hays, Jr. This opportunity led to an introduction with then Mayor of Indianapolis Richard Lugar, where she became Assistant to the Mayor. Credited as her "big break", Sue Anne attributes this experience to the start of her career in public service. It was at the Mayor's Office where Sue Anne met the love of her life, Dick Gilroy, her husband of 42 years. Eager to learn even more about the public sector, she left the Mayor's Office to pursue her Master's degree in Public Administration at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. After earning her Master's degree, she continued her career as State Director for Senator Richard Lugar from 1990 to 1993 and as Chair for Mayor Stephen Goldsmith's transition team in 1991.

An inspiration to her community, Sue Anne began to redefine the role of women in public service. She became the first female director under Mayor Lugar's UniGov by serving as the Director of the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation. She broke yet another barrier becoming Indiana's first female Secretary of State in 1994. During her eight years in office, Sue Anne focused on election, corporate, and securities reform throughout the state of Indiana. Although unsuccessful, she ran a competitive race for Mayor of the City of Indianapolis in 1999. After finishing her second term as Indiana Secretary of State, Sue Anne became Director of Advancement at the University High School in Carmel, Indiana, where she was responsible for building community relationships, developing financial resources, providing strategic planning leadership, and serving as a student mentor for the newly established institution.

Inspired by her late daughter Emily, who passed away from childhood cancer at the age of 11 in 1989, Sue Anne became the Vice President of Development and Executive Director of the St. Vincent Foundation. Here she raised funds for underprivileged families in need of medical resources. Under Sue Anne's leadership, the St. Vincent Foundation has raised more than \$70 million to support St. Vincent hospital projects and programs. The foundation's assets increased from \$23 million to over \$100 million.

Sue Anne's life-long commitment to her community goes beyond her career. Using her vast knowledge and expertise, she consulted in fundraising and business administration for the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. In her free time, she notably served on the board of directors at the University of Indianapolis, Cathedral High School, Indiana Dollars for Scholars, and Highland Country Club. She also served on the advisory board for Salvation Army. A member of the Junior league of Indianapolis, Sue Anne promoted voluntarism, development of women, and improvement of the community through her philanthropic endeavors. Sue Anne was a co-founder of The Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, an organization designed to provide leadership training experience that encourages, mentors, and prepares women leaders at the local, state, and federal levels of government. Governor Mitch Daniels appointed her to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Local Government Reform and Governor Eric Holcomb recently appointed Sue Anne to serve on the State Ethics Commission.

Sue Anne's consistent leadership and commitment to the highest standard of success has not gone unnoticed. The beneficiary of numerous awards and accolades, Sue Anne most notably received the Sagamore of the Wabash, Girls Inc. Touchstone Honoree, IBJ Woman of Influence, SPEA Distinguished Alumnus, Guardian of Small Business, and Speaking of Woman's Health Honoree, all illuminating her countless achievements throughout her career. She was also the recipient of the Nancy A. Maloley Outstanding Public Servant Award in 2015. This award recognizes a Hoosier Republican woman who demonstrates extraordinary dedication to serving the public good through appointed governmental and political office.

Sue Anne leaves behind a strong legacy of success at the St. Vincent Foundation and has made a remarkable impression on her friends, family, colleagues, and community. Her dedication and service to others was always supported by the enduring love and support of her husband Dick. They were married for over 4 decades before he unexpectedly passed away in 2015. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Sue Anne on her extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Hoosier community. While I know Sue Anne will be missed at the Saint Vincent Foundation, I wish the very best to her and hope that she will have many happy times on the golf course and enjoying more time with her son, Dr. Grant Gilroy, daughter-in law, Andrea Lee, and three grandchildren.